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(Divisional of Serial No. 10/036,761))	
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For:	COMPRESSION MOLDING)	
	PROCESS AND ARTICLE)	
	MADE BY THE PROCESS)	
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Examiner:	Not Yet Designated)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the art identified on the attached form PTO-1449 and other matters discussed below may be helpful to the Patent Office in its examination of the application identified above.

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<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inventors</u>
10/036,761	December 21, 2001	COMPRESSION MOLDING PROCESS AND ARTICLE MADE BY THE PROCESS	Bruce M. Mueller et al.

A copy of the prior application prior art citation listing sheets is enclosed.

RELATED CO-PENDING APPLICATION

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98 and MPEP 2001.06(b), attention is directed to the following co-pending commonly assigned parent application as being of potential interest in the examination of the subject application:

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The Patent and Trademark Office Examiner is requested to review the art and determine the extent of the materiality of the disclosures thereof with respect to the patentability of the subject invention. It is expected that the Patent and Trademark Office Examiner will independently conduct a complete search for relevant prior art.

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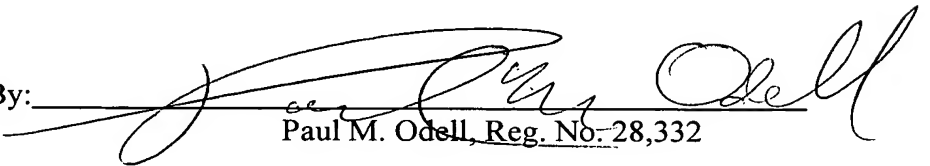
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